REMARKS

By the present Amendment, claim 7 has been amended. No claims have been added or cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-10 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, and 7 are independent.

In the Office Action of November 15, 2007, claims 7-10 were objected to under 37 CFR §1.75(a) for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention.

The Examiner's indication that claims 1-6 are allowed, and that claim 7 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the pending objections, is noted with appreciation.

By the present Amendment, Applicants have amended claim 7 to address the objection raised in the Office Action, and incorporate the suggestions made by the Examiner. No new matter has been added.

It is respectfully submitted that independent claim 7 is allowable over the art of record.

Claims 8-10 depend from independent claim 7, and are therefore believed allowable for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to independent claim 7.

For the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is believed in order, and courteously solicited.

If the Examiner believes that there are any matters which can be resolved by way of either a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

AUTHORIZATION

Applicants request any shortage or excess in fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, and for which no other form of payment is offered, be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 1021.43050X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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